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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION
OF VISAS FOR "THE COUPLE".

FROM: NEW YORK

TO: MOSCOW

NO: 786

1 June 1944

TO VICTOR.

Reference your telegram No. 2066.

There are three possible ways of obtaining a transit
visa for THE COUPLE [CHETA][i]:1. The normal way - "TENOR"[ii] will do everything himself.
Will take several months, but the result will be favourable.2. Through the lawyer [ADVOKAT] John KEATING [KITING] -
somewhat quicker [,] will cost 300-400 dollars. Both methods are
lengthy as they will involve investigation [PROVERKA][a].3. Through CAPTAIN's [KAPITAN][iii] adviser, David NILES [NAJLS] -
will take 3 - 4 days [,] will cost 500 dollars. Round NILES there is
a group of his friends who will arrange anything for a bribe.
Through them TENOR obtains priorities and has already paid them as much
as 6000 dollars. Whether NILES takes a bribe himself is not known for
certain. T.[iv] has talked to them about the [D; payment][12 groups unrecovered]
in the COUNTRYSIDE [DEREVNYa][v]
[9 groups unrecovered]

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COUNTRYSIDE [DEREVENSKIY]^[vi] visa and a ticket as far as the
 COUNTRYSIDE [DEREVNYA]^[v].
 T.^[iv] declares that the latter way is one hundred percent successful
 and there will not be any investigation [PROVERKA]^[a]. I recommend
 the third method. Before we begin to act, THE COUPLE must obtain a
 COUNTRYSIDE visa and report immediately for T.'s information the amount
 of the surety deposited in the COUNTRYSIDE. Immediately on receipt of
 the COUNTRYSIDE visa and sanction to put through the manoeuvre
 [KOMBINATSIYA] T. will purchase a through ticket from
 [13 groups unrecovered]
 COUNTRYSIDE visa. T. THE COUPLE [4 groups unrecovered]
 COUNTRYSIDE visa. T. [1 group unrecovered] to meet the COUPLE in
 [2 groups unrecovered] but later in the COUNTRYSIDE
 [21 groups unrecovered]

T.N.: [a] I.e., investigation by the U.S. authorities of the
 genuineness of the application and the credentials of the
 applicants.

Comments: [i] CHETA: Nicolas and Marie (BOYKO) FISHER. Their cover-
 name appears to have been changed to THE REEFS [RIFF]
 by late 1944.

[ii] TENOR: possibly the same as BASS [BAS] - Michael W.
 BURD (originally WEISBURD).

[iii] KAPITAN: Franklin Delano ROOSEVELT.

[iv] T.: i.e. TENOR.

[v] DEREVNYA: MEXICO.

[vi] DEREVENSKIY: Mexican.

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